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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM : Special Assistant to the Director for Interdepartmental Affairs

SUBJECT : Support for the DCI on the Yamal Pipeline

1. Neither I nor, I believe, the DCI was happy with the material assembled for the NSC meeting today on Poland, specifically on the portions that dealt with the pipeline. I take the blame for the most part for not conceptualizing early enough what he would need for the discussion.

2. The memorandum your people put together yesterday on the consequences of extending the sanctions was, I believe, an excellent piece of work. Beyond that, however, I collected a variety of tidbits which together I think were more confusing than helpful.

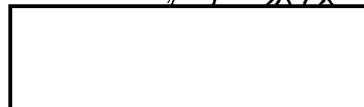
3. An idea has come to me that I would like to explore with you because I think it may help to reduce the confusion as we prepare for subsequent DCI participation in deliberations on the pipeline. I suspect, by the way, that such deliberations will probably be fairly frequent.

4. My idea is the following. I would like to have a fact book on the pipeline assembled for the DCI's use. Such a book would include the current status of the pipeline, contracts that have been let on the pipeline, financing that has been provided for the pipeline, and a chronology of significant events that have transpired as the project has proceeded from its inception to the present time. The fact book would also include maps showing the route chosen for both the Yamal-1 and Yamal-2 pipelines, with some indication of the schedule for the completion of the project. You and those who follow this project closely in SOVA can probably think of other categories of information which would be useful to include in such a book.

5. The major fault that one invariably finds in such fact books is that it is awkward sometimes to keep them current. In the case of the pipeline I would think that we could set a schedule, let's say biweekly, to update the status of the project and, when necessary, to add to the chronology. When a specific meeting is on the horizon, we would bring the whole book up to date as necessary.

6. I would like to see such a fact book prepared and presented for your, my, and the Director's review as soon as is reasonable, possibly next week. I

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do not think it would take too much effort on the part of the analysts following the project to put it together, and it certainly would help to keep in one package the relevant data handy for quick reference. Please let me know if this causes you any problem, or if you have a better idea how to skin this cat. I will make no effort to lay this on the SOVA people directly until I hear back from you.

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cc: SA/DCI

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